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Helping those battling
life's challenges



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**“And whatever you do, do it
with kindness and love.”**

1 Corinthians chapter 16, verse 14

Living Bible translation



The Salvation Army is about giving hope where it's needed most.

What is The Salvation Army?

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Vision Statement

Wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others to transform Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus.

Mission Statement

The Salvation Army is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by:

- Caring for people
- Creating faith pathways
- Building healthy communities
- Working for justice



The Salvation Army Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders, past, present, and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and well-being of people of all ages, particularly children.

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Sharing the love

In this edition, we highlight the social work, mission and vision of the Salvos as presented in their 2021-22 annual report.

The mission is focused on sharing the love of Jesus. The vision is encapsulated in the words: "Wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight, alongside others, to transform Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus."

Assisting people experiencing homelessness, addiction or family violence, those needing financial assistance, struggling youth and much more form the key priorities of the Salvos.

The love of God is the motivating force behind the spiritual and social support the Salvos give. James Burns talks about this love in Faith Talk – the difference it makes and how easy and fulfilling it can be to share with others.

Tarnji also shares her story of how the Salvos came alongside her when she was homeless and vulnerable, and supported her emotionally and physically to find housing and a community.

For these stories and more, go to salvosonline.org.au

Simone Worthing **Editor**



“You are not here in the world for yourself. You have been sent here for others. The world is waiting for you!”

– William Booth,
Co-founder of The Salvation Army

Our Mission and Vision



Mission

The Salvation Army is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus. We share the love of Jesus by:

CARING FOR PEOPLE

Being there when people need us most. We offer care and compassion as a sacred encounter with transformative potential.

CREATING FAITH PATHWAYS

Taking a holistic approach to the human condition that values spirituality. We graciously share the Good News of Jesus and grow in faith together.

BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Investing ourselves in relationships that promote mutual flourishing. We find the wholeness God intends for us in community.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Tackling the social systems that harm creation and strip away human dignity. We join God's work to build a fairer world where all can thrive.

Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight, alongside others, to transform Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus.



The Salvation Army Foundations - Our Vision and Mission

This video is part of a short-animation series aimed to explain who we are and what we are about as The Salvation Army Australia.



The Salvation Army Australia highlights 2021-2022



9950+ women and children supported

who experienced family and domestic violence



1.86+ million sessions of care provided

across all social programs



nearly 12,700 people financial counselling provided



303 Salvation Army corps (churches)

in the community



provided 1 million+ nights of accommodation

across all social programs

1.52+ million meals provided

to people who accessed homelessness services



nearly 760,060 crisis beds provided

to people who experienced homelessness

**provided
\$32 million+
of financial
assistance**

in cash, gift card, vouchers, etc



**11,374+ people
assisted with
addiction**

to alcohol and other
drugs, gambling, at
rehabilitation services

**317,850+ sessions
of care provided**

to people who were at
risk of or experienced
homelessness



**assisted
50,700+
job seekers**

to find employment



**assisted
16,790+
households/families**

who were impacted by disaster
(bushfires, floods, drought, cyclones)



**86,420+
sessions
of care
provided
to young
people**



348 Salvos Stores

locations throughout
Australia



**generated back
\$18 million+ profit
from Salvos Stores**

into The Salvation Army programs



**2620+ seniors
being cared for**

in residential Aged Care facilities

Project Lunchbox makes positive impact on students

Every week, 20 or so students at a local school in Brisbane receive a healthy lunch prepared by the Calamvale Salvos.

The idea to supply lunches came from a leaders' retreat several years ago, which had a focus on meeting the needs of families, according to Major Dianne Gluyas, Calamvale Salvos officer (pastor).

Kotiah Pilly, the school chaplain, mentioned the number of students coming to school without lunch and the negative impact that had on their learning, energy levels and ability to focus.

"We really hope it makes a difference and helps the kids achieve their potential," Dianne says. "We want to raise more funds so we can provide more lunches and more substantial food in the lunchboxes."

The local member of parliament, Leeanne Enoch, also wants to find more funds to supplement the money raised by the Salvos. In addition, Dianne and her team are seeking support from local businesses to expand the program to other local schools that have expressed an interest in receiving the lunchboxes.

Calamvale Salvos liaises with the school chaplain to provide meals to students most in need. The housing crisis, rising cost of living and individual family circumstances make it incredibly difficult for some families to prepare lunches. Some children don't attend school when they don't have lunch, and others go to the playground without anything to eat.



Deputy Principal Deb Kelly, left, and School Chaplain Kotiah Pilly receive the weekly supply of lunchboxes from Major Dianne Gluyas. INSET: Sanet Smit and her book.

As well as raising funds, church members help prepare the lunchboxes and write encouraging notes to go with the meal.

"We want to let them know we care," Dianne said. "It is a way of sharing our resources and blessings."

Sanet Smit, a community member and children's author, was so impressed with the program that she is donating the proceeds of her book *Frankie Goes Home* exclusively to Project Lunchbox.

– **Cliff Worthing**

Just Guitars strikes a chord with people from all walks of life

From beginners to more accomplished players, everyone is welcome at Just Guitars, which started three years ago at Salvos Stores in Fremantle (WA), and is now also at Subiaco Salvation Army.



Everyone is welcome at the Just Guitars community.

“Just Guitars commenced in 2019 when the area manager for Salvos Stores suggested we start a guitar group in the Fremantle store,” says Major Darryl Robinson, who leads the group with his wife, Major Kay Robinson. “It’s reaching a real cross-section of community, and music is providing that leveller for them. They’re engaging in community and making music at the same time.”

“Some are learning and some already know how to play guitars,” adds Kay, “but we come together to have fun. Everyone’s welcome, and you’ll be playing a song by the time you leave here!”

Thoroughly enjoying her guitar-playing, participant Nafisa says: “I still remember the first day. They gave me the chord sheet and I’m like, ‘What do I do with this?’ Kay is so beautiful – she puts your

fingers on the strings and helps you. After the first half hour of teaching we came out and we were playing with the rock band!”

“There were times when I missed my younger daughter who’s in Mumbai. I missed my mum, who’s also in Mumbai, and so coming to Just Guitars, meeting Kay, Darryl and the whole group and playing guitar, there’s been no looking back. It makes me feel so happy.”

Peter, another participant, values the friendships and conviviality. “The one thing I’ve been looking for more than anything is friendship and having fun. And I found that with the group. We’re learning something new, but it’s friendship and everyone is non-judgmental. We just enjoy each other’s company.”



Just Guitars is a place for people to learn new skills, make friends and feel welcome and at home.

Kay says: “How else can we tell people about Jesus except to do something like this and then engage with them one-on-one? We see this as a ministry, which is what the Salvos are all about – encouraging community and making people feel welcome.”

Love is all around

God's love is for all, and we can share it with others

WORDS James Burns

These are difficult times. Cases of COVID-19 are on the rise again, wars are escalating, social unrest is everywhere, the cost of living is skyrocketing and there is a global sense of instability and uncertainty. It can be easy to just want to hide away sometimes. It can also make you question where is God, where is his love and where is people's love for our fellow human beings?

Decades ago in 1967, British pop duo Peter and Gordon sang a song entitled *World Without Love*. The lyrics included the words:

*Please lock me away
And don't allow the day
Here inside where I hide
With my loneliness*

[Chorus]

*I don't care what they say, I won't stay
In a world without love.*

Somehow those sentiments seem right for this time, even as lockdown rules have mostly been lifted and people are free to mix and socialise.

Interestingly, 30 years later The Troggs, an English rock band also from the '60s, released a record called *Love Is All Around*. The chorus could almost have been a love song from God when it proclaimed:

*You know I love you, I always will
My mind's made up by the way that I feel
There's no beginning, there'll be no end*

'Cause on my love you can depend.

These words remind me of the Bible verse, "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life ... neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love" (Romans chapter 8, verse 38 *New Living Translation*). Not even a pandemic, or war or addiction, illness, grief or natural disasters.

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**Even in tough times we
can see God's love in
action through others.**

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Even in tough times we can see God's love in action through others. Neighbours in Ukraine who support the vulnerable; families who host refugees; volunteers who serve food and assist those impacted by floods and natural disasters; and those who care for the homeless, the grieving, the lonely and the overwhelmed.

And we can claim God's promise of deep and lasting love for ourselves too, see it transform our lives, and then share it with others.

James Burns is a freelance writer from the Dunstable Salvos in the UK.



Scan here for more on finding meaning.

Finding a way home

With support from the Salvos, Tarnji is enjoying a new lease on life

Tarnji was one of the many people displaced by the floods throughout Brisbane one year ago. The 55-year-old was living in shared accommodation before finding herself homeless in a matter of days.

"I was devastated," she says. "For a while I was angry with God and angry with life. I didn't want to continue, but I got to a point where whatever we go through, the sooner we accept it, the sooner we come to a place of content.

"I spent eight days at the Sleeman Sports Complex Flood Evacuation Centre. People were highly stressed. They had just lost their homes, and many had lost their jobs.

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**You can conquer anything,
no matter where you
are, if you have someone
who really cares ...**

”

"I had spent a good part of my life in a counselling position helping others. To find myself on the other side of that was frustrating at my age."

Tarnji was once a therapist with a Bachelor of Community Welfare qualification before an unexpected medical event left her vision-impaired for seven months.

"I lost my sight and then my job and I was put on disability support. My life hasn't been the same since," she recalls.

SEEKING HELP IS HUMBLING

After the evacuation centre closed, Tarnji was connected to crisis accommodation in a Salvation Army women's shelter.

Tarnji describes seeking help as humbling. "When I arrived, I felt like just a number. I've had a career. I've been the professional. Pride is a big thing. Being stripped of pride is just as hard as being stripped of your possessions.

"Thankfully, my time at the shelter was made bearable because of my Salvos case manager, Giang. I cannot speak highly enough of her," Tarnji says.

"The most precious thing given to me was the gift of listening without judgment and allowing me to tell my story, with my emotions."

Giang says emotional support is just as important as practical support when it comes to providing care.

"When you're in a situation that you haven't been in before and you're in crisis, it's nice to have someone there to help you navigate the services," she says.

Thanks to support from The Salvation Army, Tarnji has now been able to find permanent housing.

"I went from being a broken, middle-aged woman feeling like I was a ship in stormy weather, to finding my feet, having someone to navigate when I was not in control, and having someone



Tarnji (right) lost her home and possessions in the 2022 Queensland floods. "I had already been through three floods before this, and I had lost everything three times."

recognise me as a human who needed help. I am now in my own little unit, which I'm very grateful for, and enjoying my place that is secure and quiet.

"The practical help, the emotional support, and the financial assistance with getting a few pieces of furniture, have all contributed to my significant change where today I can say that I love my life.

I AM NOT JUST A NUMBER

"Giang and the Salvos didn't just help me get my accommodation, tick the box and walk away. Still today, if I was to ring the centre and say, 'Hey, I need to talk', I know that Giang or someone will be there to listen to me. Relationship is real to the Salvos, and I will always treasure this."

Today, Tarnji has returned to part-time work as a counsellor while she continues to work on her health, but she hopes to return to full-time work in the future. In the meantime, she is volunteering as a counsellor supporting women

experiencing homelessness and domestic violence, and has recently supported the Salvos Sleepout, a state-wide fundraising event hosted by the Queensland Salvation Army headquarters.

Tarnji has also connected with her local Salvation Army corps (church) to help others in her community who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness and need a little extra support.

"There's more to your life than what made you homeless. This happened to me, and it could happen to you tomorrow. But you can conquer anything, no matter where you are, if you have someone who really cares and reassures you that you are not alone."



Scan here for more information on Salvation Army Disaster and Emergency Services.

Tuna pasta salad



Ingredients

250g dried pasta of your choice; pinch salt; ¼ cup mayonnaise; 2 tsp lemon juice; 125g cherry tomatoes, halved; 4 button mushrooms, sliced; ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley leaves; 95g can tuna, drained and flaked

Method

- Cook pasta in large saucepan of boiling, salted water, following packet directions, until tender.
- Drain. Rinse under cold water and allow to cool.
- Combine mayonnaise and lemon juice in a large bowl. Add pasta, tomatoes, mushrooms, parsley and tuna. Stir to combine.
- Transfer to airtight containers. Refrigerate until chilled. Serve and enjoy!



Quick quiz

1. Approximately how much did Australians spend on Valentine's Day gifts in 2022?
2. Which items were the most popular gifts for this day?
3. People in which age group traditionally spend the most on Valentine's Day?
4. In which country is it traditional for women to give gifts to men?
5. Where is the day known as the 'Day of love and friendship' celebrated?

Bible byte

"Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians
chapter 13, verse 13
New Living Translation

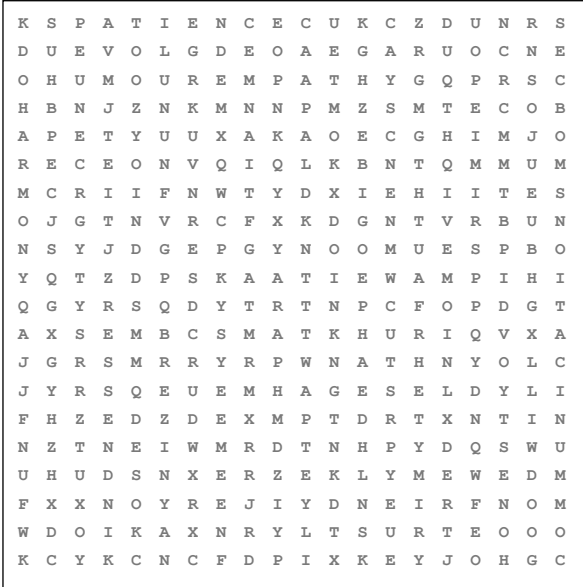
Tum-Tum

On which page of this week's *Salvos Magazine* is Tum-Tum hiding?



Wordsearch

Words are hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forwards and backwards. Enjoy!



- Care
- Commitment
- Communication
- Community
- Consideration
- Empathy
- Encourage
- Friend
- Friendship
- Fun
- Goodwill
- Harmony
- Honesty
- Humour
- Kindness
- Love
- Outreach
- Partner
- Patience
- Respect
- Support
- Sympathy
- Time
- Together
- Trust
- Understanding

HAVE A LAUGH

Where do pirates get their hooks from?
Secondhand stores.

Where do hamburgers dance?
At a meat ball.

What do you call guys who love maths?
Algebras.



DID YOU KNOW?

February 13 marks the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The word 'sorry' in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and cultures holds special meaning, and is often used to describe the rituals surrounding death (Sorry Business).

In the content of the Apology, 'sorry' expresses empathy, sympathy and an acknowledgement of loss rather than responsibility.

Quiz answers: 1. \$415 million. 2. Flowers, chocolates and jewellery. 3. 25-34-year-olds. 4. Japan. 5. Finland and many Latin American nations. **Turn-Turn:** is behind the couch on page 11.



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